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4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on GoToMeeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ausburger, Berthelot (*see below for early departure*), Bruder, Fratoni, Freudmann, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schurin **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 special meeting as presented. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Ausburger seconded to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 special meeting as presented.

The absence of Mr. Freudmann's name in the roll call and the correction of George Floyd's name from Flynn will be addressed as scrivener's errors.

Motion to approve the minutes **passed** with all in favor.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Fratoni seconded to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion **passed** with all in favor.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER/COVID 19 UPDATE

Interim Town Manager John Carrington presented his written report.

6. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Moran thanked COR Mansfield volunteers for organizing recent events and reported that attendees wore masks and were properly social distancing. Mr. Freudmann reported that he was not comfortable with the current Finance Director and Superintendent of Schools serving on the interview panel for the new Finance Director.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Interim Town Manager (Item #8B, 3-23-20 Agenda)

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Mr. Freudmann seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, pursuant to Chapter C501(B)(2) of the Mansfield Town Charter, to appoint John C. Carrington to continue to serve as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Mansfield for an additional 90 days, commencing on July 10, 2020. During the period in which he serves as Interim Town Manager, Mr. Carrington's salary shall be increased by 10% and his other employment-related benefits as a regular nonunion employee shall remain in place. At the conclusion of his service as interim Town Manager, Mr. Carrington shall return to his position as Director of Public Works and Town Engineer with the salary and employment-related benefits assigned to that position. Motion **passed** unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to re-appoint John Carrington to the Board of Directors of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for a term expiring on June 31, 2021 or when Mr. Carrington is no longer the interim Town Manager, whichever shall first occur. Motion **passed** unanimously.

B. Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield

[Ms. Berthelot left the meeting]

Mr. Ausburger **moved** and Mr. Kochenburger, effective June 22, 2020, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month. Motion **passed** unanimously.

C. Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Schurin seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That John C. Carrington, Interim Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant. Motion **passed** unanimously.

D. FY 2020-2021 Non-Union Compensation (Cost of Living Adjustment, Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance and Tuition Reimbursement)

Mr. Schurin, by recommendation of the Personnel Committee, **moved**, effective July 1, 2020 to endorse a 2.0% general wage increase applied to the Town Administrator's Pay Plan thus affecting compensation for nonunion regular staff for FY 2020/2021, to endorse an increase to the Payment in Lieu program for nonunion employees be retroactive to January 1, 2020, and to endorse an increase to the Tuition Reimbursement Program in the amount of \$1,800 annually. Motion **passed** unanimously.

E. PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) Agreements – Mansfield Non-Profit Housing Development Corporation (the MNDHC) + Town of Mansfield

Assessor Irene Luciano and Housing Authority Executive Director Rebecca Fields provided background information and answered Councilor questions.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute the Agreement for Payments In Lieu Of Taxes with the Town for the affordable housing project to be built at 113-121 South Eagleville Road. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted against.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to authorize the Interim Town Manager to execute the Agreement for Payments In Lieu Of Taxes with the Town for the affordable housing project at 309 Zygmunt Drive (Holinko Estates). Motion **passed** with all in favor except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted against.

F. Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. for Economic Development Services

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Ms. Berthelot seconded, effective July 1, 2020, to authorize Interim Town Manager John Carrington to execute the Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for Economic Development Services with a Term expiring on June 30, 2023. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted against.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Chair Mr. Kochenburger reported the Committee has reviewed the Town's insurance policies with CIRMA.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Michael Carroll to the *Historic District Commission* as an alternate for a term ending 1/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Barbara Vaughan to the *Commission on Aging* for a term ending 9/30/2021. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Devon Hock to the *Commission on Aging* for a term ending 9/30/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Livia Daggett to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Barbara Vaughan to the *Human Rights Commission* as an alternate for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Virginia Lorenz to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Heather Evans to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Helen Jane Fried to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Amy Nocton to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Karen Lapuk to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Committee on Committees Chair Mr. Bruder **moved** to appoint Glenn Mitoma to the *Human Rights Commission* for a term ending 7/1/2023. Motion **passed** with all in favor except Ausburger, Fratoni, and Freudmann who voted against.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Storrs Center Parking Operation Financial Report (May 2020)
- B. Mansfield 2020 Census Self-Response Rates (6.2.20)
- C. UConn Official Announcement, email re: Plans for Reopening in the Fall (6.10.20)
- D. Eversource Flexible Payment Plans (6.11.20)
- E. V. Alfred (6.15.20)
- F. J. Carrington, letter re: Appointment of LGBTQ Liaison (6.16.20)

12. FUTURE AGENDAS

- Update from UCONN on COVID Testing
- COVID 19 Frauds and Scams

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk

MANSFIELD CONNECTICUT

Parks & Recreation

Designation of July 2020 as Parks and Recreation Month Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut; and

Whereas, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

Whereas, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

Whereas, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

Whereas, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

Whereas, the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mansfield Town Council that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 22nd day of June in the year 2020.



Antonia Moran, Mayor

Date